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## **FORMER POSTAL WORKER PLEADS GUILTY TO BANK FRAUD**

PHOENIX –A former United States Postal Service employee entered a guilty plea on Tuesday, in United States District Court to one count of Bank Fraud.

Tyrone Ray Peters, 30, of Phoenix, admitted that in February 2005 he defrauded his credit union by depositing into his own account a check which he had forged. During the course of the investigation, Peters admitted to postal inspectors that he had stolen blank checks from a west Phoenix mail processing facility where he was employed in early 2005. Peters claimed that while working on mail sorting equipment, a box of personal checks broke open and he stole some of them.

United States Attorney Paul Charlton said “This office continues to vigorously prosecute public employees who violate the public trust.”

A conviction for Bank Fraud carries a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine or both. Peters will also be ordered to pay restitution for all financial loss caused by his criminal conduct. Sentencing is set for August 21, 2006, before United States District Judge Neil V. Wake.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Frank T. Galati, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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